



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Opportunities for Formerly Incarcerated Women Act. Creates within the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity the Task Force on Opportunities for Formerly Incarcerated Women. Provides for the composition of the Task Force. Provides that the Task Force shall strategize and design a plan for the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to partner and outsource with State and local governmental agencies, companies, and organizations that aid in helping formerly incarcerated women and their families become successful productive citizens. Provides that the Task Force shall focus on specific targeted areas of assistance and outsourcing. Provides that the Task Force shall report annually to the Governor and the General Assembly on its activities, and shall make recommendations for legislation or rulemaking to facilitate its work in the targeted areas of assistance and outsourcing.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Opportunities for Formerly Incarcerated Women Act.

6 Section 5. Task Force. There is created within the
7 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity the Task Force
8 on Opportunities for Formerly Incarcerated Women, composed of
9 the following members:

10 one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
11 Representatives;

12 one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
13 Representatives;

14 one member appointed by the President of the Senate;

15 one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

16 the Secretary of State, or his or her designee;

17 the Executive Director of the Criminal Justice Information
18 Authority, or his or her designee;

19 the Director of the Department of Children and Family
20 Services, or his or her designee;

21 the Director of the Department of Commerce and Economic
22 Opportunity, or his or her designee;

23 the Director of the Department of Employment Security, or

1 his or her designee;

2 the Director of the Department of Healthcare and Family
3 Services, or his or her designee;

4 the Executive Director of the Community College Board, or
5 his or her designee;

6 the Superintendent of the State Board of Education, or his
7 or her designee; and

8 such other members as the Governor may appoint, who shall
9 be experts with the following backgrounds: educators, prison
10 officials, 21st Century programmers or other after school
11 tutoring programs that are implemented in other counties
12 throughout Illinois, community organization service providers,
13 local college personnel, healthcare personnel, housing
14 authority personnel, and addiction and recovery personnel.

15 Members shall serve for 4-year terms, and may be
16 reappointed. Vacancies shall be filled by the respective
17 appointing authorities for the remainder of the current term.
18 Members shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed
19 for reasonable expenses from funds appropriated for that
20 purpose.

21 Members shall elect from their number a chairperson, and
22 such other officers as they may choose, for a 2-year term. The
23 Task Force shall meet at the call of the chair, but not less
24 than twice per year. The Department of Commerce and Economic
25 Opportunity shall provide administrative support, technical
26 assistance, meeting space, and funding to the Task Force.

1 Section 10. The Task Force shall strategize and design a
2 plan for the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to
3 partner and outsource with State and local governmental
4 agencies, companies, and organizations that aid in helping
5 formerly incarcerated women and their families become
6 successful productive citizens. This partnership will include
7 material distribution of available resources offered in their
8 communities as well as referrals to organizations and companies
9 that provide necessary services to aide in their success. The
10 following are targeted areas of assistance and outsourcing:
11 housing assistance; educational information on enhancement and
12 advancement; parenting and family bonding classes; financial
13 education and literacy, including budgeting; quality
14 afterschool programming, including tutoring; self-esteem and
15 empowerment classes; healthy relationships classes for the
16 entire family, including warning signs and appropriate
17 handling of bullying; integrity classes; social etiquette
18 classes; job preparedness workshops; temperament behavior
19 classes, including anger management; addiction and recovery
20 clinics, including referrals; health education classes; job
21 training opportunities; and the expansion of Redeploy Illinois
22 into Cook County.

23 Section 15. Annual report. The Task Force shall report
24 annually to the Governor and the General Assembly on its

1 activities and shall include any recommendations for
2 legislation or rulemaking to facilitate its work in the
3 targeted areas of assistance and outsourcing.